

CureTB - Categories of Referrals:

A.- Suspects and verified tuberculosis cases:

These patients will be referred to the appropriate local health jurisdiction in the U.S. or Mexico for continuation of treatment. The referring jurisdiction should send complete information, needed to follow-up the referral:

- Locating information: address, phone number and emergency contacts in Mexico and/or in the U.S.
- Clinical information including AFB smear and/or culture results, Chest X-ray findings and treatment history.

CureTB will notify the referring local health jurisdiction of the outcome within 30 days of referral. For those patients who are linked to care, the final outcome will be available within 12 months of referral.

Please note:

Diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis in Mexico is routinely done by direct smears only, follow-up smears are done monthly until the end of treatment.

MDR Tuberculosis patients: The availability of culture and sensitivity tests in Mexico varies according to region, resources and infrastructure; these tests are not routinely done. Treatment of MDR TB is based on a standard regimen. Patients with MDR TB moving from the U.S. to Mexico will continue treatment according to Mexican guidelines; the regimen may vary from the one prescribed in the US.

B- Contact notification:

These patients are divided in two categories:

- Patients who are moving to Mexico, have been exposed to a verified pulmonary case in the U.S and are under 5 years of age or immunocompromised.
- Contacts of a pulmonary case who was recently living in Mexico. Specific locating information of contacts is required for notification.

CureTB will not provide outcomes for Contacts referred.

Please note:

In Mexico, contacts are evaluated by symptom review if they were exposed to an active pulmonary case and are under 5 years of age or immunocompromised. Skin tests are not routinely done.

C- Source Case Finding:

These referrals are for patients who are verified cases in the U.S for whom it is suspected that the source case is in Mexico. The referring jurisdiction should send the name and location of the suspected source case.

CureTB will notify the local health jurisdiction in Mexico of possible source case.

Please note:

In Mexico, the search for an index case varies according to region, based on the availability of personnel and infrastructure.

D- Past History Request:

These are suspects or verified cases in the U.S. who were on treatment in Mexico.

CureTB will request the past medical history and forward it to the referring provider, if obtained or inform the provider if it is not available.

Please note:

In Mexico, the keeping of records varies according to region, infrastructure and length of time. In the private sector, charts are not always kept.

E- LTBI treatment:

These patients are evaluated in the U.S and start LTBI treatment before they move to Mexico.

CureTB will not refer LTBI patients who do not meet the Mexican guidelines.

Please note:

LTBI treatment in Mexico is prioritized for groups considered at high risk of developing disease; these groups are:

- Asymptomatic contacts under 5 years of age, with or without previous BCG.
- Asymptomatic contacts between 5 and 14 years of age not vaccinated with BCG.
- Contacts with HIV infection or other conditions with immunosuppression.

CureTB will not provide outcomes for LTBI referrals.